

at the helm of the companies they personally started—and that is critically important in these days of corporate mergers and hostile takeovers. Knight, a University of Oregon track runner, started the company with his track coach in 1964, and sold shoes out of the back of their cars. Now Nike is the world's largest sports and fitness company, and Knight is one of the most influential figures in the world of sports. The company started in Oregon and remains in Oregon because Knight is committed to remain in the State. Any person who visits Nike's corporate headquarters in Beaverton, any person who sees the amount of economic development and employment Nike adds to the State, any person who understands Nike's global operations knows that Phil Knight has a conscience.

I know that Nike is proud of being an American company and proud of its successful operations and employment in the United States and around the world. I also can tell you that most Oregonians, and most Americans for that matter, are also proud of Nike. To call this company or Mr. Knight a corporate vulture is unfair and uncalled for. I would hope my friend from Ohio would review her criticism and reconsider her opinions of this important American company.

FDA DOES NOT SERVE PUBLIC BY DENYING TREATMENT OF LAST RESORT PURSUED BY TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, many of us have heard from our constituents regarding the plight of cancer patients under the care of Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski of Houston, TX. My office has received many letters and phone calls concerning this matter, which is why I am on the floor today. Recently, the House Committee on Commerce, of which I am a sitting member, held a compelling hearing into the difficulty patients have in getting his experimental Antineoplaston therapy due to the FDA. Whatever the FDA's concerns are, the problem remains they are denying patents with life-threatening diseases access to this therapy. Many only have a few months to a year to live and this treatment is essentially their last hope.

Following those Commerce hearings, the FDA met with members of the committee and assurances were given that Dr. Burzynski's patients and those seeking his treatment would be accommodated. Unfortunately, his patients on clinical trials are on hold and dozens of terminally ill cancer patients who want his lifesaving therapy cannot get it. For whatever reasons the FDA claims to defend this situation, they fail to recognize that people's lives and rights are being trampled in this process. I do not see how the FDA is serving

the public when, by its actions it prevents a child with a brain tumor or a young woman with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, from getting a treatment these individuals and their families have been informed about and have freely chosen to pursue. In essence, the FDA is telling someone battling a disease like cancer that they cannot have a potential life-saving treatment. For many of these patients, this treatment is their last resort after being told to get their affairs in order and essentially wait to die.

Legislation has been introduced with wide bipartisan support by Mr. DEFAZIO of Oregon, to address this problem, called the Access to Medical Treatment Act (H.R. 2019). It has 40 Members in the House cosponsoring this legislation and has both Senate Minority Leader DASCHLE along with Senate Majority Leader DOLE and a dozen Senate cosponsors on a similar bill in the Senate.

Mr. Speaker. I just want to say that as we continue down the path toward FDA reform, let us be mindful of patients with life-threatening diseases who are grasping at their last hopes to continue to live.

GASOLINE PRICE INCREASES OUTRAGEOUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. FILNER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, and I know the Speaker is well knowledgeable about this, to speak about the sudden and outrageous increases in prices of gasoline that consumers in California and across the Nation have had to face.

As you know, gasoline prices in California have gone up 40, 50, 60 cents a gallon. They threaten to go even further, and there seems to be no market reason why this has occurred. There is no emergency, there is no situation that would seem to have caused this drastic escalation in prices.

Consumers are outraged, I am outraged. My colleagues from California and I have joined together to ask for an investigation of this situation by the Attorney General to see whether any monopoly or other practices have been involved.

At the same time that these increases have occurred, the major oil companies have reported 40-, 50-, 60-percent increases in their profits from the previous year. So it is clear that this rise in price in gasoline is tied directly to the rise in profits of our major oil companies.

Now, the Speaker of the House visited California over the weekend and announced that he would ask the Congress to repeal the recently added gasoline tax of 4 cents or so a gallon. I welcome the Speaker's attention to the problems of consumers in California, but I think he has deliberately taken our eye off the ball to focus on an ex-

traneous issue. The issue is the 50-, 60-cents-a-gallon increase, the issue is the 40-, 50-, 60-percent profit margins that have recently occurred by the oil companies. The issue is not the 4-cent-a-gallon Federal gas tax.

Mr. Speaker, I would hope that the Speaker helps us to solve our problems in California by helping us focus in on the issues and not take our eye off the issues to support some special interest friends of his and his party. So I look forward to working with the Speaker to look into this outrageous increase in gasoline prices, to find the real reason for it, and to try to bring the consumer some relief from this outrageous price increase.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MONTGOMERY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. FURSE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BALLENGER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes each day, on April 30 and May 1.

Ms. PRYCE, for 5 minutes each day, on April 30 and May 1.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MONTGOMERY) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. FARR of California.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 30, 1996, at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2545. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the annual report for fiscal year 1994 describing the activities and accomplishments of programs for persons with developmental disabilities and their families, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6006(c); to the Committee on Commerce.

2546. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Manufacturing